



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
GULF REGION DIVISION
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MEMORANDUM FOR: GULF REGION DIVISION-AII

SUBJECT: Protective Clothing Required for Civilian Personnel and "Outside the Wire" Travel

1. Civilian personnel are no longer authorized to wear a military uniform IAW the Security Agreement signed by the United States and Iraqi Governments. Effective immediately, all Civilian personnel are to cease wearing any military uniform of any kind. This includes the Desert Combat Uniform (DCU), the Army Combat Uniform (ACU), the Nomex Flight Suit/Jumpsuit and/or any other version or variety of clothing which would or could be construed as a military uniform in Iraq.
2. Clothing worn by Civilian personnel during ground and in-theater air travel outside of US-controlled FOBs, Zones, etc., (outside the wire, in the red zone), must provide protection and performance at least equivalent to the DCU/ACU. Civilian personnel shall wear clothing to provide the minimum basic skin protection during such travel. To prevent injuries from fabric melting to the skin in the event of exposure to intense heat or fire, clothing made from 100% synthetic blends cannot be worn. Work-quality 100% cotton clothing is recommended.
3. Standard Civilian clothing and equipment for in-country travel is as follows:
 - a. Ankle-length trousers made from denim or equivalent material;
 - b. Long-sleeved shirt made from denim or equivalent material;
 - c. Closed-toe footwear;
 - d. Standard Issue Protective Equipment: Kevlar helmet, ballistic-protection eyewear, hearing protection and IBA.
4. Personnel shall provide their own clothing to comply with this policy.
5. Point of contact this Headquarters is the GRD-Safety Office at 540-662-2160.


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